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1. The Chinese Communist 3 Field Army is composed of eight divisions (sic) called corps or armies.* The present commander is HSIA, Ch'en I, the former commander, has been removed from North Korea and it is rumored among high-ranking North Korean officers that he has been replaced for his anti-Soviet attitude.** The deputy commander and political adviser are HO Lung and CHOU Pao-chung*** The 3 Field Army headquarters is at Antung; an advance command post is at the former Japanese garrison in Sinanju.

2. Attached to the 3 Field Army are the following:

Six North Korean divisions under the command of YI Tong-yup (Alexei Lee, former Soviet officer).

The 7 Independent Air Force, with headquarters in Manchuria. This unit is at approximately half strength. Soviet officers are training members of the unit in North Korea to fly jet aircraft. An unknown number of Mongolian pilots flying for the unit are from the Mongolian People's Republic.

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3. The 3 Field Army with the attached North Korean units is divided into five task forces numbered the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 Task Forces. A defense line is being built from Sinanju to Hungnam. The Chinese Communists plan to place two divisions in the west, four or five divisions in the center, and three divisions in the east, plus two divisions on the west coast. These troops are well-equipped with mortars, artillery (both Soviet and American type), self-propelled guns, and some tanks. This defense line is to be strengthened by North Korean troops.
4. The 3 Field Army receives orders from Chinese officers only, but the 4 Field Army (known in Korea as the Chinese People's Volunteer Army) is controlled by KIM Il-sŏng.
5. Between 20 January and 15 February five divisions arrived in Korea from Manchuria, one third of whom were Korean Nationals; these troops were incorporated into the Chinese Communist 4 Field Army.

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6. There is a Chinese Communist special task force in Pyongyang at the Myongsung Primary School. Approximately one division of Chinese Communist troops is stationed at the Wakamatsu Japanese School. One regiment of Chinese Communist troops is with remnants of the North Korean 7 Regiment, 2 Division at Hungnam.

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- * ~~Comment~~. Presumably this refers to units of the 3 Field Army in Korea. The entire 3 Field Army comprises 16 regular armies, a special army group, 2 independent armies, and a guard army. Only three armies of the 3 Field Army have been reported in full strength in Korea; units of three other armies have been reported in Korea.

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- ** ~~Comment~~. There have been previous reports on CH'EN's disaffection; ~~However, he~~ has not previously been reported in Korea.

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